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BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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BUNCOM DAY IS HUGE SUCCESS!

The brand-new highway signs along the road said "Special Event." And special it was! Buncom Day '95 brought some 400-500 people together at Buncom for a real country fair -- food, fun and a chance to meet old and new friends.

The day grossed nearly \$2,000 for the Society. Those attending were unanimous in their praise for the event. The attention this year to family activities paid off -- the wagon rides and petting zoo were hits with the kids all day long.

THANKS FOR BUSINESS SUPPORT

A number of local businesses offered their donations and time for Buncom Day. Remember and support them! They include:

- Applegate River Ranch House Restaurant.
- McCully House Inn.
- Keen's Cross J Carriage & Wagon Service.
- Musicians "Good Comp'ny."
- Valley View Winery.
- Scheffel's Toys.
- Connie Fowler Signs & Banners.
- Sterling Gate Design.
- D&D Porta-Potti.
- Jacksonville Review.
- Medford Mail-Tribune.
- Jackson County Roads and Parks Services.
- Llamas of Southwest Oregon.

For everybody, there was the red oak chicken barbecue offered by the Applegate River Ranch House Restaurant, live country music, horseshoeing, a yard sale, plants and a bake sale. Several high quality craftspeople displayed and sold their wares. We apparently chose the right artists -- they were enthusiastic about their successful day and donated handsomely to the Society.

The raffle and chicken splat contest were popular items. And we won lavish praise for providing portable potties this year!

President Reeve Hennion, on behalf of the Society, offered thanks to all the member volunteers who made the day such a success: Co-chairs Carolyn Roberts and Connie Fowler; Matt and Donna Epstein, Meg and Gary Gustafson, Scotty and Connie Gray, Harly and Vernice Hall, Don and Georgia Todd, David Rothstein, J.B. Roberts, Lyn Hennion, Meyera Robbins, Ron and Donna Marchetti, Ben Fowler, Carl Krack, Phil Holt, Don Flower, Chuck and Ruby Drobkiewicz, Ron and Judy Bertolami, Sharon Baldoni, and Mike and Kathy Kent. (Reeve apologizes if he left someone out.)

Thanks also to all the members who came to Buncom Day, brought your friends, and supported the Society through purchases and donations.

The most important thing of all about the day was that everyone had a great time. It was one of those wonderful events that went splendidly from beginning to end.

Can't wait 'til next year!

EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO COOKHOUSE

In preparing for Buncom Day, we discovered that there was some serious sagging in the roof support beams in the Cookhouse. So the bulk of the proceeds from Buncom Day will go to making those repairs. It is not the kind of visible improvement we'd like to be making with the money, but it needs to be done before the roof collapses. The work is already underway.

ORDER BOOK, T-SHIRTS, MUGS NOW!

"Buncom: Crossroads Station" is at the printer and will be out early in July. If you haven't ordered it yet, we urge you to do so now for two reasons: (1) Until June 15, there is a reduced price, and (2) if you buy directly from the Society, rather than at a bookstore, we make more money for Buncom. The form for pre-publication orders is attached. The book is 200 pages long, professionally printed and bound with a full-color cover of Buncom. We're not sure yet which bookstores will carry it.

Also on the form is your opportunity to purchase 1995 Buncom T-shirts and mugs by mail. The design was done by artist and member Jennifer John.

MORE MEMBERS JOIN AT BUNCOM DAY

We enrolled 25 new members of the Society at Buncom Day. Thanks to all of you, and welcome to the Society.

Our membership keeps growing, and now is at a new high of 149!

VANDALS BREAK NEW WINDOWS

In all the joy of the success of Buncom Day, there is one disturbing note to report. In the late afternoon before the event, vandals took a wooden post and smashed the glass in the windows in the front of the Post Office and broke open the door lock. Fortunately, no serious damage was done. But it is a reminder of the need to be vigilant when passing the buildings.

Oregon State Police Senior Trooper Tom Van Dyke is investigating, and is increasing his efforts to check Buncom as often as possible on his rounds of the Applegate. Thanks, Tom!

A \$150 reward is being offered for information leading to the vandals' apprehension and conviction. The money was put up by Reeve and Lyn Hennion, and Clyde and Susan Johnson. If you have information, call the Hennions at 899-7656, or the Johnsons at 899-1188.

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